

Remarks

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of Claims 15-30.

The Examiner objected to Claims 1-14, and stated that these Claims would be considered to the extent they corresponded to the elected species of Claim 15, where A is a 6-membered heterocyclic ring containing three double bonds and 1 nitrogen atom, R¹ is aryl, R⁷ is not present, and R³ is benzofuran.

Applicants have amended Claim 1 accordingly so that Claims 1-14 correspond to the elected invention. The amended claims are supported in the specification by specific Examples 1-13 on pages 31-48 and by Reaction Schemes A-G outlined and described on pages 20-31. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

In view of the Examiner's comments in the November 5, 2003 office action, and applicant's amendment of Claim 1, applicants believe amended Claim 1 and original Claims 2-30 are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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